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CITY OF GARDINER.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

UPON THE

Fiscal and Other Concerns

OF THE CITY DURING THE

YEAR CLOSING MARCH 1, 1851.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT, OVERSEERS OF THE
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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MAYOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of Gardiner:—

As we are just closing the first year of our City Government, and I am about to relinquish its administration into other hands, I would endeavor to place before you a full account of the transactions of the past year, that the succeeding government may be the better enabled to avoid such errors, as we may have fallen into, and to follow in our path, where they see that it has been in the right direction.

Our first object, gentlemen, in which I believe both you and myself have perfectly harmonized, has been to satisfy our fellow citizens, that while a City Government was more efficient, it was not necessarily more expensive. I have therefore refrained from recommending to you many improvements, which seemed desirable,—some of which were urgently pressed upon my attention—knowing, that if in any way, we allowed our expenditure to be such as to cause an increased taxation, it would be considered that the prediction of such taxation, as the result of a City Government was realized. This would bring an odium upon the system, which, if it did not destroy the City Government, would seriously embarrass its operations.

It is a matter of regret, that the expenditure in several departments has exceeded the appropriations ; but we have, notwithstanding, the satisfaction of finding that our affairs are in a prosperous condition ; and though we have slightly increased our indebtedness, we have largely added to our permanent property. I subjoin an account with each appropriation, and also a general account of the indebtedness of the City, and the means of reducing this indebtedness ; and also a schedule of all property belonging to the City, so that every thing relative to our fiscal concerns, may be seen at once. The Finance Committee, who made their very able report at the commencement of the year, were not able to obtain data upon which to base the exact wants of each department.

ALMSHOUSE.

In two departments, the expenditures have so very largely exceeded the appropriations, that I feel it necessary to make some remarks respecting them. The expenditure upon the Almshouse has been the subject of investigation by a special committee, who have reported to you fully upon the subject. I will only observe that the addition was needed for the present number of paupers ; almost every room, both in the new as well as the old part, being occupied. Without it, the incurable insane paupers, who have been maintained at the Insane Hospital, at a very heavy expense, could not have been brought here. It is also necessary to have some spare room at the Almshouse, as it is a means of deterring persons, who are capable of supporting themselves, from asking relief, which they are not ashamed to ask, if they can obtain it at home ; but which they will forego, rather than be sent to the poor house. The building is well adapted to the purpose for which it was erected, and is thoroughly and substantially built. By what error its cost was estimated at only \$1400, I am unable to say.

ROADS.

The other excess of expenditure to which I referred, is in the appropriation for Highways. It has been said that the

cause of this excess, was from the heavy spring freshet, and I have taken pains to ascertain how far this was the case. Great damage was done by the freshet to the river road, which for some days was wholly impassable. Six culverts were carried away on that road, and one on Lincoln street, one on Pleasant street, and one on the Marston road. These culverts were all built of wood, and were rotten, and almost entirely decayed, and most of them must have been rebuilt the past season, whether there had been any freshet or not. Two, possibly three, might have lasted through the season. Taking the highest number three, the cost of these say \$170, would have been saved, but for the freshet; and I find that about \$240 were expended in repair of the roads, before the Street Commissioner was well enough to assume his duties in June. The whole of this was expended in labor, except for one lot of plank. If we suppose that three-fourths of this sum would have been saved but for the freshet, and add this three-fourths or \$180 to \$170, the cost of three culverts, we have the sum of \$350 for the damage done by the freshet. The other roads in Gardiner, were in better condition than it is usual to find them in the spring of the year; and of the eight bridges across the Cobbossee Contee river, the repairs of which usually form such large items in our highway accounts, none of them wanted more than trifling repairs the past season. It is for the City Council to judge, how far these circumstances counterbalance the extra expense caused by the freshet.

There was a bill for damage to Dr. Whitmore's carriage, which I directed to be paid, and with the sanction of the Committee on Accounts, charged to the Street Commissioner, for I had previously notified him of the defect; but he had neglected to repair it, altho' another accident had previously occurred at the same place. The Street Commissioner thinks he ought not to be charged with the bill. It is for the City Council to determine whether he shall be required to allow it in the settlement of his account, or whether it shall be given up. There were two other claims for damages, for which I did not think the City or Street Commissioner were

liable, and they were not allowed. There were in the City, before West Gardiner was set off, about seventy-two and one eighth miles of road, but as one mile and seven eighths were not open for public travel, there were but seventy and one-fourth which had to be kept in repair. The whole amount expended on the roads the past year, was \$4219,93, but as there was no special appropriation for sewers, I was obliged to include in that account, the cost of one built by the Street Commissioner for draining cellars, under the Act passed by the Legislature in 1850. The cost of this sewer was \$110, and one half of this sum was assessed upon individuals and paid by them. The other half should be deducted from the \$4219,93, as not properly belonging to highways. Deduct \$59,50 from \$4219,93. Add to this amount \$250,00, the salary of the Street Commissioner, and it makes \$4410,43 the whole expense of keeping the roads in repair, which is \$62,78 per mile. This is a considerable saving upon the last year, which estimating highway labor at ten cents per hour, was \$76,80 per mile, exclusive of what was expended for opening new roads. Of the \$76,80, \$31,73 was drawn from the treasury in cash. It had been long felt, that the expenditure in Gardiner for keeping the roads in repair, was unreasonable; and in 1846 a committee was appointed to investigate the subject, who made a full report in March, 1847. That report fully sustained the general impression, that other towns kept their roads in repair, at a less expense than ours. They found that in Augusta, for the eight years previous to that time, the average annual expense for roads, had been only \$23,79 per mile, while ours had for a still longer period, averaged annually \$51,12 per mile. This, however, is \$11,66 less per mile, than the cost the past year. Of the thirty nine and a half miles of road in the city, twenty-three and five-eighths are kept in repair by contract, at an annual cost of \$35,29 per mile; but this price does not include the cost of material, or repairs of bridges, or large culverts. Both the Street Commissioner and his substitute, took great pains to obtain the lowest terms for these contracts. They are, however, too high, considering that the contractors are exempted from the expense of paying for materials

and from the expense of building, or repairing bridges, or culverts over running brooks or streams. I am satisfied that contracts more favorable for the city, could not at that time have been made; and such a strong desire had been expressed by many members of both branches of the City Government, that this plan should be adopted, as it saves the enormous bills, which we have been obliged to pay for breaking roads in the winter, that I assented to the arrangement, when consulted by the Street Commissioner; particularly as though too high, it would be much less than the expense of the preceeding year. These contracts were for periods of one, two, three, and five years. I subjoin a schedule of those in the City, which have not expired. (See schedule J.)

In order to give the City a complete view of their liabilities for roads, I have made a complete list of all the roads and streets in the City, with the length of each. As some of the streets are not named, it required some circumlocution to describe them. The length of these streets and roads I have, where practicable, taken from the distances returned, when they were laid out, but as that could not always be obtained, (some of the courses going to known objects without giving the distance,) I was obliged to take the distance of such from the plan. Others have been altered since the first laying out, and where the alteration did not materially effect the distance, I have not attended to the alterations. The distances are sufficiently accurate for all purposes of road making. If the City Government should cause the list to be recorded on the City records, it would save much labor to our successors.

LICENSE LAW.

I have made no account of expenses for prosecution under the License Law. Most of the prosecutions have been very recent. The expenses and receipts are not yet fully ascertained; I think, however, that the fines recovered will pay the expenses incurred. I found a credit of \$388 to license cases on the old ledger, of which \$188 was the net balance up to 1845. Since then, no expenses have been charged, and only a portion of the amounts received are

credited. To get a true state of the balance since, would require the examination of every charge made against the town, but I have no doubt that the receipts upon the whole have exceeded the expenses.

NOTES.

The notes given by the City Treasurer, somewhat exceed the amount of indebtedness intended to be funded. This arose from a misapprehension by the Treasurer, of the votes of the City Government authorizing him to borrow. All notes issued by the City, should be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Mayor.

RAILROAD.

The arrangement authorized by the town to be made with the Railroad Corporation for removing the Town Landing, for the convenience of the Railroad, further south, has been completed; and that Corporation have complied with the terms of their agreement, by making a new landing, at a heavy expenditure, which is much more convenient than the old one. By their contract they agree to keep the wood work in repair.

Agreeable to a vote of the City, scrip of the City has been issued, to the amount of \$150,000, redeemable in twenty years, with coupons attached for semi-annual interest, which has been given to the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Corporation. We have received for security, 1500 shares in that Corporation, and jointly with the cities of Bath and Augusta, and the towns of Hallowell and Brunswick, have received a mortgage of the whole road from Portland to Augusta, and from Brunswick to Bath, subject to a lien for the payment of the cost of the branch from N. Yarmouth to Portland, with interest at 10 per cent. till paid. We have also received a certified copy of the bond given by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to receive and apply to the redemption of this scrip, certain installments thereon as received, according to the provisions of the law authorizing the same.

PAUPERS.

The Overseers of the Poor estimate the cost of feeding

each pauper at the Almshouse, at 44 cts. per week, which is less than the expense would be elsewhere ; but to get at the whole expense of supporting paupers at the Almshouse, I make the following estimate :—

Whole amount charged last year to the poor account, including the Superintendent's salary, and excepting the provisions &c. on hand at the beginning of the year ; the reason for excluding which will be explained below, \$2942 54

From this sum I deduct the following expenses incurred off the farm :—

Bill from the Insane Hospital,	\$509 58
Received from, & due from other towns,	156 02
Received from State,	75 05
Small-pox case,	94 93
Funeral charges,	37 89
Ac't for support of paupers off the farm,	681 69
	<hr/> 1555 16
	1387 38
	<hr/> 280 00
	<hr/> \$1667 38

To this I add for rent, \$280. This is 7 per cent on \$4000, supposed to be the average value of the lot and buildings through the year, and as all repairs are charged to current expenses, will cover interest and insurance. This will show the whole cost of supporting each pauper to be about \$1,20 per week. The cost of the furniture for the new part is charged among the current expenses, it being doubtful whether the whole furniture is worth now, more than it was a year since. The land is improved and improving ; but nothing is calculated for this, as nothing can be more deceptive than large credits for, improvements, when there is generally some deterioration elsewhere to counterbalance it. The house has been kept clean and in admirable order, and the Superintendent has shown great power of control over the insane. He has united great firmness to kindness and gentleness, and has had very

little trouble with any of them. From the character of one, who had been the longest inmate of the Insane Hospital, I did not suppose that she could be kept at the Almshouse; but the Superintendent has managed her with very little trouble. He has an admirable assistant in his daughter.

In the foregoing account, I did not charge the value of provisions on hand at the commencement, or credit it at the close of the year, for the reason that the Superintendent thinks the amount on hand March 1851, fully equal to what was on hand March 1850. The amount on hand March 1850, was valued by the Selectmen at \$396, which, from the evidence shown me, must have been a very high valuation. I subjoin a list of all the articles on hand March 1, 1851, as valued by the Selectmen of West Gardiner, and the Superintendent of the Almshouse; which valuation was designed to be the fair cash price. (See schedule L.)

BURIALS.

In consequence of graves having been dug in the burial grounds without any regularity, it has been impossible to comply with all the provisions of the 2d and 3d sections of the 20th Ordinance on the interment of the dead. One or more new burial grounds are wanted, when they are provided, they may be laid out in conformity with the provisions of the Ordinance.

R. H. GARDINER, *Mayor*.

GARDINER, March 13, 1851.

GENERAL CITY ACCOUNT.

City of Gardiner.

DR.

To Notes Payable.

For due on sundry notes March 1, 1851, } \$15,488 15
as per schedule A,

To Interest Account.

For Interest due on the above Notes,	384 52
To sundry Bills unpaid to be charged Poor Ac't,	543 07
do do do Fire Department,	496 04
do do do for Printing,	29 62
do do do for new Almshouse,	1,543 65
do do do to be ch'gd Highways,	492 39
do do do to be charged Salaries,	741 91
do Amount due Overseers of Poor,	66 67
do to be charged Contingent Account,	58 92
do Amount due School Districts,	491 29
do Sundry unpaid Bills to be charged } Floating Debts,	75 94
do Sundry unpaid Bills of Floating Debt } not allowed, *	332 94
do Am't to be paid West Gardiner when } Buffe Landing Bridge is completed,	602 67

\$21,347 78

Contra.

CR.

By amount due March 1, 1851, from City } Treasurer,	4,997 55
do Balance due on Notes as per schedule B,	313 18
do Subscription of Enginemen of engine } Rough and Ready,	105 00
do Subscription of Enginemen of engine } Washington,	180 00
do Balance due from West Gardiner, per } award of Commissioners,	849 88
do Supposed balance due from West Gar- } diner on final settlement of accounts,	187 00
do Balance owed by the City,	14,715 17

\$21,347 78

* The Bills not allowed, are bill which the Committee on Accounts thought should not be paid, and it is not probable that the City will ever have to pay them; yet as they are not withdrawn, the charge is retained as an offset to any Bills against the City, which may be outstanding, although every pains has been taken to get them in, and also as an offset to further abatement of taxes which may be made.

To a Bill unpaid to R. B. Caldwell,	18 25	
“ Due Morrell & Heath,	11 37	
	<hr/>	145 78

	Contra.		CR.
By Appropriation,	\$125 00		
“ Excess,	20 78		
	<hr/>	145 78	

	Alms-house.		DR.
To sundry Bills paid per schedule No. 4,	\$1,404 44		
“ do unpaid as per schedule E,	1,543 65		
	<hr/>	2,948 09	

	Contra.		CR.
By Appropriation,	\$1,400 00		
“ Excess,	1,548 09		
	<hr/>	2,948 09	

	Highways.		DR.
To sundry Contracts and Bills paid } by Mayor, as per schedule No. 5, }	\$1049 90		
“ Paid by the Mayor to the Street Commissioner sundry orders, to the amount of *	2600 00		
“ Amount unpaid on Contracts,	337 53		
“ Tools,	22 50		
“ Bills unpaid as per schedule F,	210 00		
	<hr/>	4219 93	

	Contra.		CR.
By Appropriation,	\$3000 00		
“ Transfer of Buffee Landing Bridge appropriation, }	700 00		
“ Amount assessed by Mayor and Alderman upon R. Williamson and others for benefit of new sewer, }	59 50		

* Of the above sum of \$2600 paid the Street Commissioner, he has expended \$2544 86. (See schedule No. 5.)

By Tools on hand,	22 50	
“ Am't in Street Commissioner's hands,	55 14	
“ Excess,	382 79	
	<hr/>	4219 93

Contingent Account.

DR.

To sundry Bills paid per schedule No. 6,	\$460 71	
“ do unpaid per schedule G,	58 92	
“ Surplus,	11 37	
	<hr/>	531 00

CR.

Contra.

By Appropriation,	\$500 00	
“ Cash rec'd for use of Hall in March,	4 00	
“ do of John Webb for } License to L. H. Green,	2 00	
“ Cash rec'd for use of Hearse, Nov. 25,	1 00	
“ do of J. Webb for License } to J. W. Rhodes, Nov. 25,	4 00	
“ Cash rec'd of Mason Damon for } License of Circus, &c, March 1,	20 00	
	<hr/>	531 00

Salaries.

DR.

To sundry Bills paid per schedule } No. 7,	\$859 53	
“ Am't due sundry Officers per } schedule H,	741 91	
	<hr/>	1,601,44

CR.

Contra.

By Appropriation,	\$1,235 00	
“ Excess,	366 44	
The Assessors claim that they are en- titled by law, to \$1 per day, which will add, if allowed, \$104 50.	<hr/>	1,601 44

Schools.

DR.

To sundry Orders Favor School } Districts,	\$3,869 72	
“ Bal. due School Districts March } 1, 1851,	491 29	
	<hr/>	4,361 01

	Contra.	CR.
By Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
" received from State,	361 01	
	<hr/>	4,361 01

	Night Watch.	DR
To sundry Bills paid per schedule } No. 8, }	\$379 50	
Watch paid in full to March 1.		
Surplus,	40 50	
This surplus arises partly from the estimate being made to March 17, and payments made to March 1.	<hr/>	420 00

	Contra.	CR.
By Appropriation,	\$160 00	
" do additional,	260 00	
	<hr/>	420 00

	Mt. Vernon Street.	DR.
To paid McCausland Contract,	.	300 00
In addition to the above, some cedar and plank were used, and a few stones from the Hallowell ledge, are left.		

	Contra.	CR.
By Appropriation,		300 00

	Buffee Landing Bridge.	DR.
To Transferred to Highways,		700 00
By the award of the Commissioners, whenever this bridge is built in its present location, the City is to pay W.Gardiner the sum of \$602 67.		

	Contra.	CR.
By Appropriation,		700 00

SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES.

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(No. 1.)

### Interest Account.

1850.

|         |                                            |          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 27, | For paid interest on note to Mary L. Page, | 30 90    |
| Aug. 2, | do do do S. & D. Hatch,                    | 25 00    |
|         | do do do Martha Hedge,                     | 30 00    |
|         | do do do Joshua Winslow,                   | 61 17    |
|         | do do do D. Parker,                        | 57 00    |
|         | do do do S. & D. Hatch,                    | 26 71    |
|         | do do do Jordan Libby,                     | 12 00    |
|         | do do do D. F. Pike,                       | 15 00    |
|         | do do do S. & D. Hatch,                    | 7 11     |
|         | do do do S. H. Parsons,                    | 12 00    |
|         | do do do C. E. Bradstreet,                 | 132 00   |
|         | do do on Gardiner Savings Inst.            | 332 22   |
|         | do do on Sundry Orders                     | 11 28    |
|         |                                            | \$752 39 |

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(No. 2.)

### Poor and Insane.

1850.

|          |                                          |       |
|----------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| Ap'l 30, | Paid B. Esmond, removing P. Brown,       | 2 00  |
| May 7,   | do Elizabeth Milliken, keeping S. Copps, | 7 00  |
| " 8,     | do Wm. Short, board &c., of P. Brown,    | 18 00 |
| " 8,     | do D. Carr, attendance on do,            | 3 00  |



|          |                                                                     |       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| May 8,   | For paid Pat Mahoney, work on the farm,                             | 4 00  |
| " 8,     | do S. Mitchell, support of S. Andrews,                              | 18 40 |
| " 29,    | do John Berry, burying E. Thorp,                                    | 3 00  |
| " 29,    | do Ira Bachelder, support of H. Johnson,                            | 7 00  |
| June 1,  | do Moses D. Thompson, support of McCausland child,                  | 3 33  |
| " 13,    | do Wm. Short, boarding Pat Brown,                                   | 10 50 |
| " 13,    | do G. Perry, burying E. A. Brown,                                   | 3 00  |
| July 3,  | do Insane Hospital, support of Timothy Brown,                       | 75 05 |
| " 12,    | do Town of Norridgewock, support of Mary Hunneford,                 | 23 81 |
| " 13,    | do Sam'l Thompson, board of Mrs. Dole,                              | 13 00 |
| " 16,    | do Catharine Kellea, work at almshouse,                             | 10 74 |
| " 17,    | do G. Perry, burying Sally Potter,                                  | 3 00  |
| " 19,    | do Rufus Williams, work on farm,                                    | 16 70 |
| " 23,    | do Wm. Short, board of Pat Brown,                                   | 6 00  |
| " 25,    | do Wm. M. Vaughan, flour and feed,                                  | 42 87 |
| Aug 2,   | do M. D. Thompson, support of McCausland child,                     | 6 66  |
| " 2,     | do Ira Bachelder, board of H. Johnson,                              | 29 00 |
| " 2,     | do Freeman Trott, supplies,                                         | 48 32 |
| " 19,    | do John L. Foy, services of himself and daughter,                   | 93 75 |
| " 19,    | do John L. Foy, paid for support of paupers off the farm,           | 15 52 |
| " 24,    | do E. Bailey, supplies,                                             | 68 55 |
| " 27,    | do W. M. Vaughan, flour and feed,                                   | 49 36 |
| " 26,    | do W. J. Hussey, boarding Esther Gillpatrick,                       | 5 00  |
| Sept. 3, | do Moses D. Thompson, support of McCausland child, to Sept. 1, '50, | 3 33  |
| " 3,     | do Smith Maxey, corn and grain,                                     | 47 25 |
| " 6,     | do G. Perry, burying Mathews,                                       | 2 50  |
| " 17,    | do I. N. Tucker, paid on ac't of poor off the farm,                 | 14 70 |
| Oct. 2,  | do H. Winslow, support of E. Gilpatrick,                            | 9 00  |
| " 2,     | do L. Cole, for painting,                                           | 6 00  |
| " 11,    | do F. Foster, for aid to foreigners,                                | 1 87  |

POOR AND INSANE.

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|          |                                                                     |        |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Oct. 30, | For paid B. Shaw, jr., supplies,                                    | 54 31  |
| Nov. 2,  | do S. Thompson, support of Mrs. Dole,                               | 13 00  |
| " 2,     | do John E. Merrill, horse and carriage<br>to Insane Hospital, etc., | 5 50   |
| " 2,     | do James Elwell, for meat,                                          | 13 34  |
| " 2,     | do Pat Phinottee, work on farm,                                     | 19 54  |
| " 4,     | do Wm. Palmer, books deliv. to Foy,                                 | 3 20   |
| " 8,     | do J. L. Foy, sundries and services to<br>October 1,                | 98 10  |
| " 8,     | do Aid to John Mero,                                                | 15 00  |
| " 18,    | do Stephen Tucker, sundries,                                        | 3 92   |
| " 18,    | do J. Carter, support of H. Johnson,                                | 40 00  |
| " 18,    | do Town of Skowhegan, help to Hunneford,                            | 6 00   |
| " 18,    | do M. D. Thompson, supporting Me-<br>Causland child.                | 10 00  |
| " 21,    | do I. W. Woodward, hauling manure,                                  | 10 00  |
| Dec. 7,  | do J. D. Norcross, for soap,                                        | 12 94  |
| " 7,     | do Wm. M. Vaughan, flour and feed,                                  | 105 00 |
| " 7,     | do L. Douglass, board of R. Douglass,                               | 13 00  |
| " 7,     | do E. Houghton, support of his mother,                              | 17 00  |
| 1851.    |                                                                     |        |
| Jan. 6,  | do S. Maxcy, corn and grain,                                        | 28 70  |
| " 6,     | do E. S. Norton, butter,                                            | 9 12   |
| " 9,     | do S. Thompson, boarding Mrs. Dole,                                 | 13 00  |
| " 14,    | do E. J. Ford, sundries,                                            | 16 31  |
| " 16,    | do Arthur Andrews, work on farm,                                    | 13 86  |
| " 16,    | do E. Bailey, sundries,                                             | 42 55  |
| " 19,    | do Robert Williamson, clothing,                                     | 16 75  |
| " 19,    | do John L. Foy, services,                                           | 91 62  |
| " 19,    | do Freeman Trott, sundries,                                         | 40 87  |
| " 25,    | do G. Perry, burying Sarah Ham,                                     | 3 00   |
| " 25,    | do Fling. Drew & Co., sundries,                                     | 35 02  |
| " 25,    | do J. A. Brown, work on farm,                                       | 5 83   |
| " 25,    | do David Farrar, trucking,                                          | 1 21   |
| Feb. 5,  | do S. & J. Park's bill for a coffin,                                | 3 00   |
| " 7,     | do Oliver Hinkley, sundries,                                        | 25 67  |
| " 7,     | do F. A. Merrill, school book,                                      | 37     |
| " 7,     | do Nancy Brownwell, work at almshouse,                              | 10 00  |
| " 12,    | do B. F. Ring, supplies to B. Farris while                          |        |

|          |     |                                                             |        |
|----------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|          |     | confined with the small-pox,                                | 19 93  |
| Feb. 12, | For | paid Wm. Burr, labor, etc.,                                 | 18 30  |
| " 17,    | do  | In aid of Geo. Blood,                                       | 6 50   |
| " 20,    | do  | Simeon Cary, provisions,                                    | 7 16   |
| " 24,    | do  | R. K. Littlefield, wheel-barrows,                           | 14 00  |
| " 24,    | do  | Mitchell. Wilson & Co., sundries,                           | 24 59  |
| " 24,    | do  | A. S. Ring, meat,                                           | 24 68  |
| " 26,    | do  | John Stone, sundries,                                       | 6 56   |
| " 26,    | do  | Andrew Berry, surveying wood, etc.,                         | 2 14   |
| " 17,    | do  | I. N. Tucker, cloth and soap,                               | 15 12  |
| " 27,    | do  | S. T. Gushee, sundries,                                     | 41 30  |
| " 27,    | do  | B. Shaw, burying Alexander,                                 | 1 50   |
| " 27,    | do  | S. Park & Co., coffin for S. Brown,                         | 3 50   |
| " 28,    | do  | B. Elwell, feathers and labor,                              | 7 12   |
| " 28,    | do  | E. Pope, soap,                                              | 4 00   |
| " 28,    | do  | Nash & Nudd, furniture etc.,                                | 18 00  |
| " 28,    | do  | John Webb, shoes,                                           | 63 71  |
| Mar. 1,  | do  | M. D. Thompson, support of McCausland child,                | 10 00  |
| " 1,     | do  | H. Wakefield, work on farm,                                 | 1 25   |
| " 1,     | do  | Silas Taber, trucking,                                      | 1 75   |
| " 1,     | do  | Benj. Shaw, jr., sundries,                                  | 106 35 |
| " 1,     | do  | E. Bailey, sundries,                                        | 16 23  |
| " 1,     | do  | S. Hathaway, hats and caps,                                 | 7 53   |
| " 1,     | do  | Fling, Drew & Co., sundries,                                | 22 95  |
| " 1,     | do  | Freeman Trott, sundries,                                    | 40 00  |
| " 1,     | do  | J. Bran, wood,                                              | 9 56   |
| " 1,     | do  | Town of Hallowell for supplies for Wm. Clark,               | 2 00   |
| " 1,     | do  | John L. Foy, services to March 1, '51,                      | 68 36  |
| " 1,     | do  | C. P. Branch, sundries,                                     | 8 45   |
| " 1,     | do  | Robert Williamson, clothing,                                | 25 25  |
| " 1,     | do  | William Palmer, books,                                      | 3 27   |
| " 1,     | do  | John Stone, sundries,                                       | 15 75  |
| " 1,     | do  | Nathan Wood, sundries,                                      | 22 06  |
| " 1,     | do  | City of Bath, support of N. Fogg, S. Curtis, and Jane Knox, | 36 50  |
| " 1,     | do  | Doct. Theobald, for poor of town of Emden,                  | 30 00  |

POOR AND INSANE.

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|         |                                                             |           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Apr. 1, | To paid John Carter, support of H. Johnson,                 | 29 42     |
| " 1,    | do Frederic Blood, manure,                                  | 2 68      |
| " 1,    | do Eben Jackson, stoves,                                    | 23 75     |
| " 1,    | do John Dennis, sundries,                                   | 6 06      |
| " 1,    | do For carrying Sally Copps to Augusta,                     | 50        |
| " 1,    | do Euclid Houghton, support of his mother,                  | 13 00     |
| " 1,    | do H. Winslow, support of Esther Gillpatrick.               | 16 00     |
| " 1,    | do Nash & Nudd, coffin for Harmon child,                    | 2 00      |
| " 1,    | do James Bran, support of R. Littlefield's children.        | 6 00      |
| " 1,    | do L. Clark, support of Harriet Wakefield                   | 49 00     |
| " 1,    | do Wm. Farnham, support of A. Farris, (sick with small pox) | 26 00     |
| " 1,    | do Mrs. Leonard, nursing A. Farris,                         | 12 00     |
| " 1,    | do Doct. Palmer, attending A. Farris,                       | 36 00     |
| " 1,    | do Robert Stafford, support Miss Rollins,                   | 3 50      |
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|         |                                                             | \$2399 47 |

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(No. 3.)

Fire Department.

|          |                                                 |       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| May 3,   | Paid P. R. Cleaves, coffee for firemen,         | 1 00  |
| " 8,     | do Jesse Lambert, wood for engine house,        | 3 69  |
| " 11,    | do E. H. Flint, hook and ladder house,          | 40 00 |
| " 24,    | do P. Maher, hook and ladder carriage,          | 20 00 |
| " 27,    | do J. E. Merrill, refreshments for firemen,     | 15 00 |
| June 7,  | do F. Foster, bill of work on ladder house &c,  | 26 11 |
| July 15, | do E. A. Wing, bill of work on ladder carriage, | 20 00 |
| " 15,    | do M. H. Lord, bill of painting do,             | 10 00 |
| " 15,    | do Silas Andrews, bill for ironing do,          | 10 00 |

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| July 15, | Paid F. Foster, bill for hook and ladder house,                                                   | 9 75      |
| " 31,    | do Sprague & Lord, bill for erecting engine house for Rough & Ready Co. and furnishing materials, | 200 00    |
| Aug. 2,  | do Stea'er Ocean, bill of freight on hose,                                                        | 2 00      |
| Oct. 11, | do do on Washington engine,                                                                       | 5 00      |
| " 11,    | do Hunneman & Co., bill of do,                                                                    | 378 00    |
| " 11,    | do Washington engine company, bill of repairs on Washington,                                      | 67 00     |
| Nov. 16, | do R. H. Gardiner, bill of ground rent for ladder house,                                          | 7 50      |
| " 23,    | do Carpenter & Co., express bill,                                                                 | 4 25      |
| Dec. 17, | do Shelton & Cheever, bill of hose,                                                               | 474 83    |
| " 26,    | do Silas Jaqueth, bill of work on engine under bridge,                                            | 1 37      |
| " 28,    | do I. G. Vannah, bill,                                                                            | 1 13      |
| 1851.    |                                                                                                   |           |
| Jan. 19, | do Shaw & Donnell, bill for making ladders,                                                       | 10 63     |
| " 20,    | do A. T. Perkins, bill of oil &c.,                                                                | 3 75      |
| " 24,    | do John Dunphy, bill of lumber for hook and ladder,                                               | 4 00      |
| Feb. 15, | do Uriah Briery, bill of labor on hose,                                                           | 2 50      |
| " 24,    | do R. K. Littlefield, bill of labor on hook and ladder house,                                     | 8 63      |
| " 27,    | do E. McCurdy, bill for oil can and torch lights,                                                 | 3 00      |
| Mar. 1,  | do A. E. Wing, bill for repairs of engine etc.,                                                   | 2 58      |
| " 1,     | do M. Hopkins, bill for leather for repairs of engine,                                            | 3 18      |
| " 6,     | do C. P. Branch, bill of alcohol for do,                                                          | 3 25      |
| " 6,     | do N. Wood, bill sundries for do,                                                                 | 11 75     |
| " 8,     | do D. Farrar, bill for hauling engines,                                                           | 2 58      |
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|          |                                                                                                   | \$1352 48 |

(No. 4.)

**Almshouse.**

1850.

|           |                                                                                 |        |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| June 25,  | For paid David Crouch, bill for lime,                                           | 36 00  |
| " 25,     | do Edward Kensela, work on house,                                               | 11 03  |
| " 25,     | do David Crouch, bill of lime,                                                  | 18 00  |
| " 31,     | do Henry Foy, bill of work,                                                     | 242 75 |
| Sept. 26, | do Jas. Potter, bill of sand,                                                   | 2 00   |
| Oct. 2,   | do Luther Cole, bill of painting,                                               | 9 52   |
| " 2,      | do B. Nason, bill of shingles                                                   | 41 44  |
| " 11,     | do N. Hildreth, bill of work on wall,                                           | 149 62 |
| " 25,     | do Joel F. Tapley, work on house,                                               | 29 00  |
| " 29,     | do Geo. Plaisted, bill of lumber,                                               | 38 60  |
| " 30,     | do Isaac Cowen, bill of caps and sills,                                         | 31 70  |
| Nov. 4,   | do Moses Glass, bill of trucking,                                               | 4 33   |
| " 4,      | do P. Phinottee, bill of work on cellar,                                        | 29 66  |
| " 4,      | do T. Phinotte, bill of work on do,                                             | 8 50   |
| " 13,     | do S. Smith, bill of laths,                                                     | 22 40  |
| " 16,     | do R. Blaisdell, bill of brick furnished,<br>laying the same, plastering, etc., | 555 67 |
| " 21,     | do Hains & Dill furring,                                                        | 2 00   |
| Dec. 9,   | do N. Stevens, trucking,                                                        | 1 59   |
| " 10,     | do Gardiner Steam-mill Co., lumber,                                             | 124 75 |
| " 21,     | do Isaac Cowen, work,                                                           | 2 50   |
| " 28,     | do I. G. Vannah & Co., hard ware,                                               | 1 90   |
| " 30,     | do Luther Cole, painting,                                                       | 29 54  |

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|----------|-------------------------|------|
| Jan. 19, | do Freeman Trott, bill, | 8 50 |
| Mar. 6,  | do John L. Foy, bill,   | 50   |
| " 7,     | do Nash & Nudd, sawing, | 2 94 |

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(No. 5.)

**Highways.**

1850.

|          |                                      |       |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Sept. 9, | Paid M. Hildreth, per contract,      | 82 50 |
| " 17,    | do Thos Booker and others, contract, | 75 00 |
| " 21,    | do J. Bran do do,                    | 62 49 |

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|-----------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sept. 21, | Paid | Sewell Libby, contract,                                                     | 67 50   |
| " 21,     | do   | John Knox, contract,                                                        | 62 50   |
| " 21,     | do   | Beedle and Johnson,                                                         | 74 75   |
| Nov. 16,  | do   | R. H. Gardiner, repairs on causeway,                                        | 75 00   |
| " 18,     | do   | I. W. Woodward, work,                                                       | 2 00    |
| " 18,     | do   | Gardiner Steam-mill Co., lumber,                                            | 18 38   |
| " 18,     | do   | Geo. W. Beedle, building a culvert<br>near the Lawrence boom,               | 60 00   |
| Dec. 28,  | do   | I. G. Vannah, nails,                                                        | 41      |
| 1851.     |      |                                                                             |         |
| Jan. 4,   | do   | Joseph Johnson, repairs on road,                                            | 15 00   |
| " 14,     | do   | Joseph Williams, work on road,                                              | 3 50    |
| " 14,     | do   | E. J. Ford, nails for side walk,                                            | 27      |
| " 19,     | do   | Robert Williamson, stone, labor and<br>materials for culvert and side walk, | 41 85   |
| Feb. 26,  | do   | Michael Hildreth, contract,                                                 | 112 50  |
| Mar. 1,   | do   | James Lawrence, contract,                                                   | 25 00   |
| " 1,      | do   | Thos. Booker, and others, contract,                                         | 75 00   |
| " 1,      | do   | John W. Herrick, contract,                                                  | 42 50   |
| " 1,      | do   | Samuel Austin, contract,                                                    | 12 50   |
| " 1,      | do   | McCausland and Collins, contract,                                           | 60 00   |
| " 1,      | do   | Geo. W. Beedle, contract,                                                   | 18 75   |
| " 1,      | do   | John Knox, contract,                                                        | 62 50   |
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|           |      |                                                                             | 1049 90 |

### Street Commissioner's Account of Expenditures.

|                  |         |                      |        |
|------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|
| J. D. Gardiner,  | \$20 00 | S. Brown,            | \$3 35 |
| R. McLellan,     | 5 00    | T. Booker, contract, | 20 00  |
| Thomas Lewis,    | 3 00    | Henry Wentworth,     | 4 25   |
| Geo. W. Beedle,  | 10 00   | A. Carlton,          | 23 25  |
| —Lawrence,       | 50      | N. Chase,            | 17 00  |
| A. Douglass,     | 1 50    | A. Johnson,          | 20 67  |
| —Jewell,         | 50      | —Douglass,           | 1 66   |
| G. Medar,        | 3 00    | —Powers,             | 6 00   |
| Sabil Curtis,    | 75      | G. Medar,            | 8 32   |
| John Jewell,     | 2 50    | J. C. Look,          | 1 25   |
| Israel Holbrook, | 1 00    | Wm. Barnett,         | 6 25   |

## STREET COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT.

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|                          |       |                           |       |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| M. Hildreth, contract,   | 30 00 | M. Sweney,                | 2 50  |
| Clay, Dinsmore & Co.,    | 6 31  | Pat. Finarty,             | 14 17 |
| T. Booker, contract,     | 20 00 | Wm. Cheny,                | 19 00 |
| John Cusick,             | 8 09  | John Cain,                | 5 43  |
| John O'Byrnes,           | 5 62  | Hooker & Libby,           | 67 23 |
| — Connelly,              | 5 00  | A. Andrews,               | 71 72 |
| John Cain,               | 30 67 | N. B. Norton,             | 12 00 |
| G. Medar,                | 5 17  | A. Potter,                | 28 10 |
| T. H. McCausland,        | 2 00  | B. Stickney,              | 2 08  |
| J. O. Clay & Co.,        | 68 15 | Jas. Rhoades,             | 3 75  |
| J. P. Hunter & Co.,      | 39 43 | L. Rhoades, jr., 2 bills, | 6 44  |
| James Sherburne,         | 32 61 | R. Williams,              | 5 21  |
| D. C. Weston,            | 4 50  | R. Hooker,                | 2 08  |
| Samuel Weeks,            | 5 67  | Geo. Rogers,              | 12 75 |
| Shem Weeks,              | 3 75  | G. Collins, and others,   | 60 00 |
| Barney Heany             | 13 75 | W. H. Douglass,           | 2 50  |
| I. W. Woodward,          | 18 23 | John Hodgdon,             | 9 00  |
| Baker Andrews,           | 21 66 | J. A. Brown,              | 1 66  |
| H. D. Wakefield,         | 31 21 | J. E. Merrill,            | 7 00  |
| Steward, Sergeant & Co., | 42 06 | J. W. Herrick,            | 42 50 |
| R. H. Gardiner,          | 61 28 | Chester Rhoades,          | 19 18 |
| Wm. S. Grant,            | 15 75 | D. Bran,                  | 28 48 |
| Daniel Clay,             | 42 50 | E. Moore,                 | 5 70  |
| Michael Hildreth,        | 14 61 | Thos. McGrath,            | 3 33  |
| Shaw & Donnell,          | 24 88 | — Washburn,               | 75    |
| Benj. Weymouth,          | 12 23 | — Norcross,               | 1 00  |
| S. Elwell,               | 1 85  | Robt. Withee,             | 13 71 |
| Wing & Bates,            | 25 94 | Samuel Austin,            | 12 50 |
| James Jewett,            | 14 00 | E. McLellan,              | 13 00 |
| J. Grover, contract,     | 20 00 | J. Sherburne,             | 5 00  |
| Jordan Libby,            | 15 00 | — Edwards,                | 4 17  |
| T. H. McCausland,        | 14 48 | M. Dunton,                | 1 98  |
| J. Farr,                 | 10 00 | D. Stevens,               | 1 67  |
| E. Spears,               | 5 20  | F. Foster,                | 2 00  |
| R. Dunphy,               | 5 00  | E. Ware,                  | 20 00 |
| J. O'Byrne,              | 4 00  | Wm. R. Gay,               | 80 72 |
| D. Call,                 | 3 00  | Thos. Lewis,              | 1 00  |
| N. Kinniston,            | 20 00 | Thos. Aspinwall,          | 1 75  |
| — Norcross,              | 2 50  | A. Douglass,              | 1 50  |



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|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| L. Bailey,                              | 67    | Barny Heany,          | 21  | 50    |
| G. W. Fall,                             | 65    | Barny Heany,          | 43  | 15    |
| G. W. Beedle,                           | 4 00  | J. W. White,          | 10  | 00    |
| R. Patten,                              | 1 75  | I. Vannah & Co.,      | 17  | 20    |
| D. Farrar,                              | 50    | S. Brown,             | 4   | 17    |
| P. Sheldon,                             | 8 09  | J. C. Ayers,          | 61  | 13    |
| John Libby,                             | 5 00  | A. Johnson,           | 10  | 55    |
| G. W. Lowell,                           | 1 50  | John Libby,           | 119 | 06    |
| A. Ballard,                             | 14 17 | John Medar,           | 43  | 00    |
| E. Berry & Co.,                         | 15 07 | A. Carlton,           | 42  | 95    |
| S. Libby,                               | 7 00  | Thos. McGrath,        | 43  | 33    |
| R. M. Newell,                           | 3 00  | J. Spear,             | 29  | 87    |
| N. Merrill,                             | 1 00  | S. Curtis,            | 83  |       |
| Daniel Fuller,                          | 4 00  | Daniel Carr,          | 5   | 00    |
| Aaron Bran,                             | 6 25  | J. P. Hunter, bills } | 74  | 69    |
| Daniel Marston,                         | 9 76  | paid by him,          |     |       |
| A. T. Perkins,                          | 23 00 | Wm. Gray,             | 5   | 63    |
| J. D. Gardiner,                         | 17 51 | R. Williams,          | 4   | 75    |
| E. Hodges,                              | 5 00  | James Williams,       | 16  | 18    |
| I. N. Tucker,                           | 10 87 | Nahum Hildreth,       | 5   | 62    |
| Chas. Swift,                            | 2 00  | Freeman Trott,        | 3   | 91    |
| Walter Curtis,                          | 9 62  | J. Mains,             | 18  | 00    |
| P. Maher,                               | 6 67  | F. Allen,             | 62  |       |
| Henry French,                           | 3 42  | A. C. Stuart,         | 69  |       |
| Holmes & Robbins,                       | 5 74  | Pat. Drea,            | 11  | 00    |
| John Merrill,                           | 2 50  | R. Dunphy,            | 3   | 50    |
| A. Bran,                                | 9 50  | G. Medar,             | 1   | 00    |
| Thos. Finarty,                          | 19 25 | Henry Wakefield,      | 23  | 98    |
| Thos. Aspinwall,                        | 59 50 | Harvey Blaisdell,     | 2   | 00    |
| Wm. Short,                              | 21 67 | J. P. Hunter, & Co.,  | 3   | 25    |
| M. Headon, includ- }                    | 17 75 | S. Webber, ac't of }  | 110 | 16    |
| ing Webb's order, }                     |       | his man and oxen, }   |     |       |
| Sundry small payments without vouchers, |       | 51                    | 32  |       |
| Hovey Austin,                           |       | do                    | 2   | 00    |
|                                         |       |                       |     | 53 32 |

Errors and omissions excepted. Total, \$2544 86

STEPHEN WEBBER, *Street Commissioner.*

GARDINER, March 13, 1851.

We have examined the foregoing account, rendered by Stephen Webber, Street Commissioner, and find the sum of \$2491 54, correctly vouched for; and the sum of \$53 32, consisting of various small charges, for which he has no vouchers, making his whole amount of expenditure \$2544 86.

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| H. B. HOSKINS, | } <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
| E. WATERHOUSE, |                             |
| SAMUEL HOOKER. |                             |

(No. 6.)

**Contingent Account.**

1850.

|           |                                                                                                     |       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| May 27,   | To paid Wm. P. Philips for repair of pound,                                                         | 1 00  |
| June 12,  | do Gideon Perry, bill for building fires for City Council,                                          | 2 75  |
| " 14,     | do E. Fenno, books for Police Court,                                                                | 8 00  |
| " 17,     | do Geo. Blood, for ringing bell,                                                                    | 13 00 |
| July 23,  | do F. Allen, bill,                                                                                  | 3 00  |
| Aug. 13,  | do L. H. Green, postage bill,                                                                       | 2 37  |
| " 13,     | do Secretary of the Senate for two copies of petitions, and their action thereon,                   | 2 00  |
| " 30,     | do For copy of law for setting off West Gardiner, and advertising petition for Loaning City Credit, | 4 50  |
| Sept. 17, | do Geo. Blood, ringing bell,                                                                        | 13 00 |
| " 24,     | do W. Williamson, for repairs on gun house to keep powder,                                          | 3 00  |
| Nov. 4,   | do Wm. Palmer, bill for books,                                                                      | 45 90 |
| " 22,     | do N. K. Chadwick, for mourning badges, upon death of President Taylor,                             | 2 23  |
| Dec. 9,   | do F. Foster, wood for Aldermen's room,                                                             | 3 56  |
| " 17,     | do Geo. Blood, for ringing bell,                                                                    | 13 00 |
| 1851.     |                                                                                                     |       |
| Jan. 6,   | do F. Foster, wood for City Hall,                                                                   | 3 47  |

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| Jan. 11, | To paid Look, Potter, and Elliot, for watching the night of P. Maher fire,                                         | 3 75     |
| " 11,    | do Amasa Wood, repairs on lock-up                                                                                  | 53       |
| " 19,    | do Shaw & Donnell, for procuring sealed measures,                                                                  | 2 51     |
| " 20,    | do A.T. Perkins, for powder used upon death of President Taylor, per vote of Aldermen,                             | 12 00    |
| " 20,    | do The Commissioners one half the am't of their bill for dividing the property between the City and West Gardiner, | 28 50    |
| " 25,    | do Geo. Atwood, bill of school books and books for City use,                                                       | 10 24    |
| Feb. 11, | do Joseph Foye, bill of refreshments, furnished enginemen at P. Maher fire,                                        | 25 00    |
| " 15,    | do D. Lincoln, for do do do,                                                                                       | 55 00    |
| " 20,    | do F. Foster, wood for City gov't,                                                                                 | 3 65     |
| " 27,    | do E. Waterhouse, making valuation for West Gardiner,                                                              | 4 00     |
| " 27,    | do For survey by E. Waterhouse,                                                                                    | 13 75    |
| " 17,    | do E. McCurdy, stove-pipe for watch-house,                                                                         | 1 18     |
| " 28,    | do A. Wood, repairing City Hall,                                                                                   | 2 47     |
| March,   | do W. Williamson, watching,                                                                                        | 1 25     |
| " 1,     | do J. & J.T. Stone, mourning badges,                                                                               | 4 73     |
| " 1,     | do Nathan Wood, for hall,                                                                                          | 50       |
| " 1,     | do Mason Damon, sundries paid by him for repairs on hall, &c,                                                      | 65 54    |
| " 1,     | do J. Webb, recording roads,                                                                                       | 9 00     |
| " 1,     | do " recording births and deaths,                                                                                  | 8 08     |
| " 1,     | do " administering 77 oaths to City officers,                                                                      | 3 85     |
| " 1,     | do Geo. Plaisted, additional land damage for opening Mt. Vernon st., per vote of City Council,                     | 84 40    |
|          |                                                                                                                    | <hr/>    |
|          |                                                                                                                    | \$460 71 |

(No. 7.)

**Salaries.**

1850.

|           |                    |        |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| Sept. 25, | Paid John Webb,    | 32 50  |
| " 25,     | do Ansyl Clark,    | 17 50  |
| " 25,     | do F. Foster,      | 25 00  |
| " 25,     | do Mayor,          | 100 00 |
| Nov. 25,  | do Stephen Webber, | 75 00  |

1851.

|          |                                                   |          |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Feb. 25, | do Dr. Holman's estate, as City Physician 6 mos., | 15 00    |
| " 27,    | do I. N. Tucker,                                  | 33 33    |
| March 7, | do Superintending School Committee,               | 150 00   |
| " 7,     | do Noah Woods, Solicitor,                         | 20 00    |
| " 7,     | do Mason Damon,                                   | 150 00   |
| " 8,     | do John Webb,                                     | 32 50    |
| " 8,     | do C. Kendrick, Collector for 1850,               | 208 70   |
|          |                                                   | <hr/>    |
|          |                                                   | \$859 53 |

(No. 8.)

**Night Watch.**

1850.

|           |                            |        |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------|
| April 22, | Paid Cyrus Anna,           | 15 00  |
| May 11,   | do Jos. Richardson,        | 1 00   |
| " 22,     | do Cyrus Anna, in full,    | 42 00  |
| " 31,     | do Moses Look,             | 1 00   |
| June 13,  | do B. Dow,                 | 1 00   |
| Sept. 27, | do Amasa Wood, 127 nights, | 127 00 |
| Nov. 30,  | do Abel French, 34 half do | 17 00  |

1851.

|          |                                      |        |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Feb. 28, | do A. Wood, in full to March 1, '51, | 159 00 |
| " 28,    | do Abel French, 33 half nights,      | 16 50  |

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\$379 50

## MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULES.

(A.)

### Notes Standing Against the City.

|   |                                     |                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 8 | Notes to Gardiner Savings Instit'n, | \$6260 00        |
| 1 | Note to Mrs. D. Parker, dated Feb.  |                  |
|   | 25, 1841,                           | 500 00           |
| 1 | " do do do May 3, '43,              | 450 00           |
| 1 | " Aaron Haskell, Ap'l 18, '49,      | 310 00           |
| 1 | " Martha Hedge, May 19, '49,        | 500 00           |
| 1 | " Jordan Libby, June 22, '44,       | 200 00           |
| 1 | " Marly L. Page, May 16, '50,       | 330 90           |
| 1 | " S. H. Parsons, Nov. 26, '49,      | 200 00           |
| 1 | " C. E. Bradstreet, Jan. 2, '49,    | 1100 00          |
| 1 | " C. E. Bradstreet, Jan. 2, '49,    | 1100 00          |
| 1 | " Reub'n Eastman, Ap'l 26, '50,     | 250 00           |
| 1 | " Isaac Lilly, May 7, 1850,         | 800 00           |
| 1 | " Rob't Thompson, May 23, '50,      | 1000 00          |
| 1 | " Jordan Libby, June 14, '50,       | 250 00           |
| 1 | " A. J. Reed, June 27, '50,         | 210 00           |
| 1 | " Elizabeth W. Freer, July 5, '50,  | 350 00           |
| 1 | " David Hatch, Sept. 13, '50,       | 350 00           |
| 1 | " P. F. Pike, October 16, '50,      | 927 25           |
| 1 | " Isaac Lilly, September 13, '50,   | 400 00           |
|   |                                     | <hr/> \$15488 15 |

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**Balance due on Notes and Accounts.**

|                                                              |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| By balance on E. Sawyer's Note,                              | \$75 08 |          |
| " H. L. Crowell and Wheeler's Note,                          | 174 50  |          |
| " balance on E. McLellan's do                                | 27 68   |          |
|                                                              |         | <hr/>    |
|                                                              |         | 277 26   |
| " Jas. Spear, \$5, P. Sheldon, 3,40, Holmes & Robbins, 3,02, |         | 11 42    |
| " F. Allen, \$11, R. H. Gardiner, 13,50,                     |         | 24 50    |
|                                                              |         | <hr/>    |
|                                                              |         | \$313 18 |

(C.)

**Accounts due on Account of Paupers.**

|                                |        |          |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| To T. S. Baker & Son, account, | \$9 15 |          |
| " Eliza Springer, do           | 2 67   |          |
| " Insane Hospital, do          | 509 58 |          |
| " Geo. Richardson, do          | 8 25   |          |
| " Silas Lemont, do             | 1 56   |          |
| " E. J. Ford, do               | 2 36   |          |
| " Gideon Perry, do             | 3 00   |          |
| " R. H. Gardiner, do           | 6 50   |          |
|                                |        | <hr/>    |
|                                |        | \$543 07 |

(D.)

**Accounts due on Account of Fire Department.**

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| To Ebenezer Jackson, | \$13 00 |         |
| " Wm. S. Grant,      | 29 14   |         |
| " Holmes & Robbins,  | 21 00   |         |
| " J. K. Osgood,      | 2 20    |         |
| " Seth Sprague,      | 2 37    |         |
| " R. H. Gardiner,    | 10 83   |         |
|                      |         | <hr/>   |
|                      |         | \$78 54 |

(E.)

**Accounts due for Addition to Almshouse.**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| To Henry Foy,           | \$608 33  |
| “ John Moore,           | 133 58    |
| “ John P. Hunter & Co., | 31 45     |
| “ William R. Gay,       | 213 78    |
| “ Arthur Andrews,       | 7 75      |
| “ Jos. A. Brown,        | 9 31      |
| “ Wm. Gray,             | 4 50      |
| “ B. Goodrich,          | 17 80     |
| “ Luther Cole,          | 16 93     |
| “ William Burr,         | 21 92     |
| “ Holmes and Robbins,   | 48 11     |
| “ Lincoln Perry,        | 53 65     |
| “ N. Hildreth,          | 5 75      |
| “ Ebenezer Jackson,     | 76 25     |
| “ Shaw & Donnell,       | 14 76     |
| “ Eben Jackson,         | 108 39    |
| “ Seth Wood,            | 135 33    |
| “ Jesse Lambert,        | 14 00     |
| “ Nash & Nudd,          | 19 16     |
| “ Ephraim Forsyth,      | 2 90      |
|                         | <hr/>     |
|                         | \$1543 65 |

(F.)

**Unpaid Highway Bills.**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Due Sawyer, (estimated) | \$72 00  |
| “ A. Potter,            | 25 72    |
| “ Daniel Bran,          | 21 88    |
| “ James Sherburn,       | 16 00    |
| “ A. Bran,              | 15 00    |
| “ C. Rhodes,            | 20 00    |
| “ Spears,               | 20 00    |
| “ A. Andrews,           | 2 50     |
| “ D. Fuller,            | 16 90    |
|                         | <hr/>    |
|                         | \$210 00 |

(G.)

**Accounts due for Contingent Expenses.**

|                      |       |         |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| To A. C. Stuart,     | 2 00  |         |
| “ Daniel Lincoln,    | 12 00 |         |
| “ John Lawrence,     | 72    |         |
| “ Jesse Lambert,     | 5 00  |         |
| “ John Stone,        | 5 34  |         |
| “ G. Perry,          | 2 00  |         |
| “ Andrew Jeck,       | 15 00 |         |
| “ R. K. Littlefield, | 10 00 |         |
| “ R. H. Gardiner,    | 4 86  |         |
| “ Wm. Hutchason,     | 2 00  |         |
|                      |       | <hr/>   |
|                      |       | \$58 92 |

(H.)

**Salaries.**

|                                                                             |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Due to John Webb, for salary,                                               | \$32 50  |
| “ Ansyl Clark,                                                              | 17 50    |
| “ F. Foster,                                                                | 25 00    |
| “ Mayor,                                                                    | 100 00   |
| “ S. Webber,                                                                | 175 00   |
| “ City Physician,                                                           | 15 00    |
| “ F. Trott, Treasurer,                                                      | 140 31   |
| Will be due C. Kendrick, Collector 1850, when he<br>closes his collections, | 136 60   |
| Assessors,                                                                  | 100 00   |
|                                                                             | <hr/>    |
|                                                                             | \$741 91 |



## (1.)

**Property belonging to City.**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| * City Hall and lot,       | \$2050 00 |
| † Almshouse and poor farm, | 5550 00   |

*Fire Department.*

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Engine Rough and Ready,        | \$200 00 |
| *Hydraulic,                    | 100 00   |
| *Velocity,                     | 100 00   |
| Washington,                    | 450 00   |
| *Fire King,                    | 400 00   |
| Power Engine under the bridge, | 150 00   |
| *Hose,                         | 463 00   |
| Old Hose,                      | 100 00   |
| *Cisterns,                     | 200 00   |
| *Ladder house, carriage &c,    | 141 00   |

*Engine Houses and Land.*

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Engine house, Rough and Ready, | 200 00 |
| Land for do,                   | 100 00 |
| Engine house for Fire King,    | 263 00 |
| Engine house for Washington,   | 220 00 |

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 3087 00

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Deduct for depreciation, | 202 00 |
|--------------------------|--------|

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 2885 00
*Highways. Tools on hand.*

|                                                                            |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| *3 ploughs, 2 scrapers, 2 crow-bars, 2 picks, 1 tenon saw, 1 wheel-barrow, | 22 50 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

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 \$10507. 50

The valuation of the articles thus \* are the same at which the articles were appraised by the Commissioners to settle the claim between the City and West Gardiner, and are supposed to be the fair cash value. The other articles are estimated on the same principle.

† The Almshouse and Poor Farm, are estimated at the valuation of the Commissioners, to which is added the sum subsequently expended on the Almshouse.

(K.)

## Roads in Gardiner City.

|                                                    | Rods.    |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| * Alder street,                                    | 107      |
| Beech street,                                      | 32       |
| Bachelor street,                                   | 26 3-10  |
| Back street,                                       | 37       |
| Booker road,                                       | 430      |
| Brunswick road,                                    | 1824 1-2 |
| Causway,                                           | 100      |
| Cross street from high Holburn st. to Central st., | 19 1-2   |
| Cross street from Dresden st. to river road,       | 67       |
| Cross street from Dresden st. to Lincoln street,   | 20       |
| Chesnut street,                                    | 67       |
| Church street,                                     | 64       |
| Central street,                                    | 225      |
| Dresden street,                                    | 207      |
| Elm street,                                        | 77       |
| Eastmond Samuel, old County road,                  | 280      |
| † Grant road,                                      | 20       |
| G. street,                                         | 48       |
| Harrison Avenue,                                   | 105      |
| Harding road,                                      | 66       |
| § High Holburn street,                             | 210      |
| H. street,                                         | 40       |

\* This street is to be open in 1852.

† This road goes for the County road, north of the widow Grants to the river, and is accepted, but is not used, and no labor has been expended upon it.

§ Part of High Holburn is not opened. The city have been liable to make it since 1838.

The length of the streets and roads are taken from the

|                                                  |      |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Costellow road,                                  | 635  |           |
| Hodgdon road,                                    | 563  |           |
| Horse Shoe Pond road in city,                    | 220  |           |
| Kingsbury street,                                | 85   |           |
| Lincoln street,                                  | 120  |           |
| Litchfield road,                                 | 470  |           |
| Marston road,                                    | 1218 |           |
| McCausland road,                                 | 593  |           |
| Maple street,                                    | 75   |           |
| Mt. Vernon street,                               | 105  |           |
| Neal Street,                                     | 57   |           |
| Newcomb road,                                    | 556  |           |
| North street to Hodgdon road,                    | 66   |           |
| Oak street,                                      | 60   |           |
| Pleasant street, about                           | 64   |           |
| Robinson road,                                   | 17   | 1-2       |
| River road,                                      | 2302 |           |
| Spring street,                                   | 169  |           |
| School street,                                   | 105  |           |
| Summer street,                                   | 109  |           |
| Vine street,                                     | 38   |           |
| Washington street,                               | 143  |           |
| West street,                                     | 433  |           |
| Winter street,                                   | 109  |           |
| Water street, from grist mill to Central street, | 272  |           |
| Making in all, 39 miles 177 1-2 rods,            |      | 12999 1-2 |

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returns where it could be done ; but all the distances are not always given in the returns. In those cases, or where the returns could not be obtained, the lengths were measured on the plan. Where roads have been altered, and the alteration did not materially effect the distance, they have not been noticed. The lengths therefore, though not perfectly correct, are supposed to be sufficiently so for all practical purposes.

(J.)  
Road Contracts.

| Contractors.              | Dist'ce.                            | Price.  | Expires.    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Johnson and Beedles,      | 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ml.   | \$24 90 | May 30, '55 |
| Michael Hildreth,         | 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "     | 47 36   | June 1, '52 |
| John Knox,                | 1 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "   | 40 00   | May 15, '52 |
| C. McCausland and others, | 1 <sup>270</sup> / <sub>320</sub> " | 22 64   | " 22, '52   |
| Sewell Libby,             | 2 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>10</sub> "    | 48 20   | " 7, '53    |
| James Lawrence,           | 2 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>320</sub> "  | 24 39   | " 18, '53   |
| Geo. W. Beedle, about     | 1 "                                 | 37 50   | " 8, '55    |
| Thos. Booker and others,  | 4 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "     | 32 60   | " 9, '53    |
| Jordan Libby, 1 mile,     | 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "     | 21 84   | " 9, '53    |

23 201

Making 23 miles 201 rods, at an average cost of \$35,29 per mile.

## (L.)

## Provisions on hand at Almshouse, March 1, 1851.

Appraised by J. L. Foy, and Selectmen of West Gardiner.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 4 barrels clear pork,             | \$64 00 |
| 50 lbs. butter,                   | 2 00    |
| 247 lbs. mutton, 3 1-2 cts.,      | 8 64    |
| 20 bushels beets, 40 cts.,        | 8 00    |
| 6 barrels flour, \$5,25,          | 31 50   |
| 25 gallons mollasses, 26 cts.,    | 6 50    |
| 3 bushels meal, 80 cts.,          | 2 40    |
| 27 1-2 lbs. dried apples, 6 cts., | 1 65    |
| 5 bushels beans,                  | 6 25    |
| 1 1-2 cords hard wood,            | 4 50    |
| 20 bushels corn, 80 cts.,         | 16 00   |
| 1 cow,                            | 25 00   |
| 1 shoat,                          | 15 00   |

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 1 sow and ten pigs, | 25 00    |
| 100 cabbages,       | 4 00     |
| 165 lbs. hams,      | 16 50    |
|                     | <hr/>    |
|                     | \$236 94 |

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(M.)

**Bills Rejected by City Government.**

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Benjamin Davis,   | \$200 00 |
| Wm. R. Gay,       | 15 50    |
| W. Pincin,        | 6 75     |
| M. Dunton,        | 2 00     |
| Oliver Philbrook, | 20 00    |
| Franklin Dill,    | 1 50     |
| Dr. Theobald,     | 49 00    |
| E. J. Ford,       | 3 19     |
| Daniel Marston,   | 12 00    |
| Dr. Whitmore,     | 12 50    |
| William Varnham,  | 9 00     |
| Edward Hearsey,   | 1 50     |
|                   | <hr/>    |
|                   | \$332 94 |

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(N.)

**Floating Debt.**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| E. Forsyth,             | \$2 56 |
| Hunneman & Co., Boston, | 70 32  |
| H. Porter,              | 3 06   |
|                         | <hr/>  |
|                         | 75 94  |

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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*To the Clerk of the City of Gardiner.*

DEAR SIR: By an Ordinance of the City Government, it is made the duty of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to report annually, all accidents by fire which may happen within the City, with the causes so far as can be ascertained, number and description of buildings injured or destroyed, amount of damages or loss of property, and the names of the owners and occupants.

In compliance with said Ordinance, I herewith transmit to you all information that I have been able to obtain in regard to fires, since acting in that capacity.

There have been during the year, or since March 1st, 1850, thirteen alarms of fire, at nine of which, all the engines or a part of them, were used, viz :

First, March 29, 1850, at New Mills. Building owned by Messrs. Richards & Hoskins, and occupied by them as a storehouse for cotton waste. Loss of building and waste, about eight hundred dollars. No insurance. Origin of the fire, spontaneous combustion.

Second, April 6, 1850. Fire on Bridge street. Building owned by Nathan O., and Joseph L. Mitchell, and occupied by J. L. Mitchell as a sash and blind factory, and by Hiram Lawton & Co., as a cabinet shop. N. O. Mitchell's loss about five hundred dollars. Joseph L. Mitchell's loss, seventeen hundred dollars, insured for five hundred dollars. H. Lawton & Co., loss nine-hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Damage done to other buildings adjoining and owned by R. H. Gardiner, Esq., about one hundred and fifty dollars;

## OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of Gardiner :—*

GENTLEMEN,—It is quite surprising, that no Register of Paupers, supported wholly or in part at the Almshouse, or elsewhere, has ever been kept by the Town of Gardiner, or its Overseers in this department, except by the various entries of bills paid for its annual expenses.

The Overseers of the Poor of the City of Gardiner, for the past year, have thought it expedient, therefore, to prepare and present to you such a Register, as the basis of their present report.

On a very few pages of this Register, you will see, almost at a glance, in systematic, tabular form, and with as much accuracy as the present condition of the department will permit; the names and ages of all the Paupers, who have been inmates of the Almshouse, for the whole or any part of the past year; dates of their admission; their birth place; the time of their coming into the State, if not natives; the time of their death or departure; the name of the city or town to which their support is to be charged, if they have gained no residence in this city; the name of the Overseer, who may have acted more especially, in any individual case; and also any additional remarks, calculated to give the City Authorities a more correct view of the character and condition of different individuals.

Such a Register would have been of great use to us, in many instances, could we have had access to one, and doubtless will be to our successors hereafter, if kept annually, as it should be.

By a reference to this Register, it will be perceived, that one hundred and five different individuals have received support or assistance, wholly or in part, from the funds of the City the past year, at the Almshouse or elsewhere. That of the one hundred and five, five have died during the year, namely : Joseph Mathews, aged 84, deceased, August 26, 1850, supported by the town since 1838 ; Sarah Ham, deceased January 20, 1851, aged 83, supported since October, 1849 ; Sally Potter, deceased May 17, 1850, aged 30, supported since 1844 ; Nathaniel Newell, deceased, July, 1850, aged 50, assisted a little at his own house while sick ; and Sylvanus Brown of Emden, deceased Feb. 23, 1851, aged 18 years, boarded, nursed, and doctored four weeks, while sick, till he died.

Forty-five in all, have been supported or assisted away from the Almshouse. Five of these have received the whole or a part of their support for the whole year, among their friends, at a fixed price per week, namely : Heman Johnson, 35 years of age, at his sister's, Mrs. Carter, under the constant care of his mother, at \$2 per week. George Blood, 83 years of age, care of his present wife, at his own house at 75 cents per week, since he ceased to ring the bell for the City, December 17th, 1850. Mrs. Dole, 88 years of age, at Samuel Thompson's at \$1 per week. Mrs. Houghton, aged 73 years, at her son's, Euclid Houghton, at \$1 per week. Rufus McCausland, a mere animal, 6 years old, at Moses D. Thompson's, at \$40 a year, till Overseers notify them, that they can pay that price no longer.

The remaining forty have been assisted a little, as their necessities required, during sickness or the winter season.

Of the sixty who have been, or still are at the Almshouse, sixteen have left, and five as above named, having died. thirty-nine are still left at the Almshouse, March 1, A. D. 1851.

The whole number of days board of all who have been kept at the Almshouse, the whole or any part of the year, will be found in schedule A, at the end of this report.

Schedule B, specifies the different purposes, for which the expenses of the Almshouse have been incurred the past year. Bills printed.



Of the thirty-nine left at the Almshouse on the first day of March, A. D. 1851, three are over eighty years of age ; four between seventy and eighty ; four between sixty and seventy ; four between fifty and sixty ; six between forty and fifty ; three between thirty and forty ; one between twenty and thirty ; and fourteen are less than twenty. Four of these fourteen are less than three years old.

The remaining ten are between five and sixteen, and should have permanent places, as soon as suitable ones can be provided for them.

Two of them, Leonard, aged 16, and Emerson Turner, aged 12, are already at places on trial, where the oldest has been all winter ; and places have been anticipated for two others.

Amos Cook, the West India boy, now about 13 years old, should be placed under the care of some judicious master, and sent to sea, as he is quite unmanageable on land.

Making every charitable allowance for sickness and the infirmities of the great age of many of our Paupers, we are obliged to come to the unwelcome conclusion, that one third, at least, of all our Pauperism is occasioned by intemperance. The whole family, nine in number, of Emerson Turner, for instance, was brought to the Almshouse by this vice and its attendant evils.

And we hope that another suggestion, here, with regard to the future management of this department, will not be considered out of place.

As we now have ample and convenient rooms for storage, some one should be appointed as an Overseer, who would be capable of making the purchases for the Almshouse, at wholesale and for cash, instead of buying on credit and at retail prices ; and having so many mixed bills come in against the department ; as the different expenses should be kept separate, that we may be able always to tell what has been expended for clothing, what for supplies for the house, &c. This person should draw the money from the Treasury on his own receipt, and keep all the accounts, especially the Register now commenced, so that at the close of the year, he may be able to make a clear and certain report of all the doings, and

the various expenses of the farm and every part of the establishment, which any person can understand.

There has been much sickness at the Almshouse during the past winter, and a number of patients still require the constant attention of the City Physician. Though this has rendered his task quite onerous, we are happy to find that the sick are well satisfied and pleased with the interest he has manifested in their various and different cases and complaints, and also with the nursing which has been afforded them.

And now, before closing this report, we must be allowed to say, that the leading principle, by which the Overseers have endeavored to be governed, in approving bills for the disbursement of the funds of the City, for the support of the Poor in Gardiner, has been, *in no case*, to encourage idleness or evil habits ; but with due discrimination, and as carefully as possible, to soothe and pacify the excitement of the Insane ; to solace the sufferings of the unfortunate, the aged and infirm ; to comfort, nurse and instruct the sick and dying ; and, as far as we were able, to mitigate misery, in every form with an economy, at the same time, as rigid and as strict, as the accomplishment of these imperious and most desirable duties would allow. Whilst every one able to do it, man, woman and child, has been required to assist in helping forward the labors and affairs of the establishment, in waiting upon the sick and nursing them ; in working in doors and out, we have felt very thankful, that the City Council have made such kind provision for the Poor, and put it so much in our power to diminish the miseries and to increase the happiness of those whose life and comfort have been entrusted to our care and oversight. And so grateful have these favors been received, that, while obliged to see a great deal of degradation and discomfort, our task, though, by no means a light or easy one, has nevertheless been truly a very agreeable one, whether called to it by day or by night, in the storm or otherwise. This task, too, has been much diminished by the skill, the good nature, and the great willingness to labor, however difficult and perplexing the duties, of our indefatigable Agent, at the Almshouse. And though, till very lately, we have suffered great inconvenience for want

## (B.)

The following schedule specifies the different purposes, for which the expenses of the Almshouse have been incurred the past year.

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid for Provisions for the Almshouse, | \$688 94  |
| “ Hats, caps, shoes and clothing,      | 270 79    |
| “ Furniture for the house,             | 66 94     |
| “ Teaming and labor,                   | 100 32    |
| “ Field dressing and seeds,            | 54 80     |
| “ Tools for farm and about the house,  | 25 98     |
| “ Agents salary and help in house,     | 408 78    |
| “ Funeral expenses,                    | 37 89     |
| “ Poor off the farm,                   | 744 75    |
|                                        | <hr/>     |
|                                        | \$2399 19 |

By schedule A, it will be perceived, that the whole number of weeks board, furnished at the Almshouse, the past year, is 1373.

By this schedule B, it will be seen, that the whole cost of House Provisions, for the past year, amounts to \$688,94, just about 50 cents a week, each.

On the 9th page of the Mayor's Report, "the cost of feeding each Pauper at the Almshouse, is estimated to be 44 cents per week."

Certain bills were then overlooked, which having since been added to the amount, makes the average as above stated fifty cents a week each.

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 (C.)

**Names, Ages, &c., of those Remaining at the Almshouse  
March 1, 1851.**

|                  |    |                          |
|------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Cideon Goodwin,  | 65 | Troublesome, works some. |
| Henry Crawford,  | 84 |                          |
| Martha Crawford, | 73 |                          |

|                         |    |                                        |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|
| Thomas Decker,          | 83 | Grateful, no trouble.                  |
| Nancy Decker,           | 76 | Quite ill.                             |
| Mary Babb,              | 83 |                                        |
| Daniel Dinine,          | 40 | Fully pays his way by work.            |
| William Dinine,         | 7  |                                        |
| Martha Stearns,         | 34 | } Bills paid by Wilton, to Mar. 1, '51 |
| Charles Stearns,        | 7  |                                        |
| Alvesta Stearns,        | 5  |                                        |
| Haynes D. Wells, 9 mos. |    |                                        |
| Rhoda Douglass,         | 65 | Confined to her bed.                   |
| Lettice Douglass,       | 57 | Nurses and takes care of her sister.   |
| Susanna W. Rollins,     | 29 | Left March 8, 1851.                    |
| Eliza Littlefield,      | 32 | Husband intemperate & abusive.         |
| Georgianna Littlefield, | 2  |                                        |
| John Willard,           | 40 | Belongs to Richford, Vt.               |
| Thomas Conner,          | 40 | Inflammation of the eyes.              |
| Amos Cook,              | 13 | West India boy.                        |
| Emerson Turner,         | 42 | Intemperate.                           |
| Martha Turner,          | 42 |                                        |
| Leonard Turner,         | 16 |                                        |
| Emerson Turner, jr.,    | 12 |                                        |
| Anson Turner,           | 9  |                                        |
| Martha E. Turner,       | 7  |                                        |
| Abigail N. Turner,      | 5  |                                        |
| Lovina Turner,          | 2  |                                        |
| Geo. Otis Turner,       |    | Born at Almshouse, Dec. 29, '50.       |

*Insane and Idiotic.*

|                  |    |                                  |
|------------------|----|----------------------------------|
| Betsey Marshall, | 63 | Insane and troublesome.          |
| Mary Leeman,     | 50 | “ “                              |
| Wm. N. Springer, | 50 | Insane, idiotic and troublesome. |
| Mary Hunneford,  | 70 | Insane.                          |
| Polly Tibbets,   | 60 |                                  |
| Samuel Andrews,  | 12 | Very troublesome Idiot.          |

*West Gardiner.*

|               |    |                             |
|---------------|----|-----------------------------|
| Mary Copps,   | 77 |                             |
| Sarah Copps,  | 40 | Presumed to belong to W. G. |
| Mary Herrick, | 36 |                             |

Betsey Hodgdon, 58 Extremely filthy and troublesome.

*Out of the Almshouse.*

Mrs. Dole, at Samuel Thompson's. \$1 per week.

Mrs. Houghton, at Euclid Houghton's, \$1 per week.

Geo. Blood, at 75 cents per week.

Esther Gilpatrick, at Henry Winslow's, \$1 per week.

*Belonging to West Gardiner.*

Heman Johnson, at Mr. Carter's, \$2 per week.

Rufus McCausland, at M. D. Thompson's, \$40 a year.

## CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

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### *To the City Council :*

The undersigned having been chosen City Physician, after the death of Dr. Holman, has attended upon the duties of his office, whenever his services have been required.

During the past six months, there has been an unusual amount of sickness among the inmates of the Almshouse.

I have rendered medical attendance to fifteen persons, and some of the number, at several times. Two have died since I have attended them. Mrs. Sarah Ham, aged 83,—she was attacked with Paralysis ; and Sylvanus Brown of Emden, of Pulmonary Consumption. One has been added to the number by birth. I have also visited several Paupers who have received assistance from the City out of the Almshouse. Of the cases of sickness among the Paupers which have not recovered, some have been removed from the City ; others still remain under medical treatment. But the number is small, and no one is now known to be sick with acute disease, all the few cases remaining being chronic.

In closing his remarks upon the sickness of the Paupers, the City Physician feels it not only a duty, but a pleasure to express his satisfaction with the treatment which the inmates of the Almshouse have received at the hands of its keeper. The kindness and watchfulness with which he has conducted its affairs—the regard for the welfare of those under his control—the lively interest which he has manifested for the unfortunate or vicious who are under his charge, seem but to deserve this tribute as an act of simple justice,

not only from me, and those who have friends and relatives placed there, but from the citizens one and all of this City.

And he also feel it a pleasure in recording his cordial approbation of the efficient manner in which the Overseers of the Poor have discharged their duties, in providing for the comfort and welfare of that class of our citizens, who are so unfortunate as not to be able to provide for themselves, and more especially for those who are deprived of their reason, whereby they have to be separated from the world. They have by the munificence of the City, made it a model Almshouse for the State. Respectfully submitted,

F. P. THEOBALD, *City Physician*.

GARDINER, March 13, 1851.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES' REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of Gardiner :*

The Superintending School Committee ask leave to submit their Annual Report for the year ending March 17, 1851.

By the division of the City and the incorporation of the new town of West Gardiner, seven entire districts, and by far the larger part of two others, were withdrawn from our supervision, being included within the limits of the new town. The act of separation took effect the eighth day of August last, and after most of the Summer Schools in that portion of the City were closed. Some, however, were still keeping, and as they were commenced under our direction we deemed it advisable and proper to continue our charge to the close, and accordingly made the closing visits; but at the commencement of the winter term, we relinquished to the West Gardiner Committee, the control and oversight of all the schools within their limits, and since we have had no part in their direction or management.

The districts wholly set off to West Gardiner are, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15 and 18, and in addition to them much the larger part of Nos. 12 and 16, including the school house in each, and as those districts no longer constitute a portion of the City and have no representation at your board, we have not regarded it as important or even advisable to notice particularly the schools kept in them prior to the division, and accordingly the report of them will be omitted.

It may be proper to state, for the information of the Council, that on the sixth day of April last, Rev. James P. Weston, who had for a number of years been an active and efficient member of this Committee, and who had then but re-



cently been elected for another term, resigned his place, being about to leave the City, and subsequently, in the exercise of the power conferred upon them by the laws of the State, the remaining members of the Committee appointed the Rt. Rev. George Burgess, to supply the vacancy, who accepted the office and entered upon the discharge of its duties.

The annual appropriation for public schools made at the commencement of the year, was \$4000, to which should be added \$361,01, being the amount received from the State, from the avails of the Bank Tax, &c., and we have an aggregate of \$4361,01 for distribution amongst the districts.

The whole number of scholars in the City on the first day of May last, as appears by the returns in the Mayor's office, was 2691, being an increase upon the last year of 164. of which number 2076 belonged in the City, as at present constituted, and 615 in the districts included in West Gardiner.

The amount of money distributed, exceeds the amount distributed last year by \$77,74, but there is more than a corresponding increase of scholars to absorb it, and while last year each scholar drew one dollar sixty-nine and a half cents, the amount to a scholar, this year, is reduced to one dollar and sixty-two cents, being a falling off of seven and a half cents on each scholar.

The whole number of schools supported in the City, summer and winter, not including West Gardiner, was sixteen. five of which were in No. 1, three in No. 8, two in No. 17, and one in each of the other districts. In these schools twenty teachers were employed in the Summer and Fall term, of whom three only were males. In the Winter term a like number of teachers was employed, ten of whom were males.

Thirty-five different teachers have been examined by the Committee in the course of the year, ten for the West Gardiner schools, and twenty-five for the City. Three of the teachers examined, however, did not teach, and we regret to add, that in two or three instances, teachers actually employed, have kept out their terms without presenting themselves before the Committee for examination.

Most of the teachers examined, passed satisfactorily ; none who presented themselves were rejected as absolutely unqualified ; and a much larger number than usual, we are happy to report, proved themselves, at the examination, thoroughly prepared to teach.

Nine whole districts remain in the City, and a portion of two others ; and in the following table is exhibited the number of scholars returned in each district ; the whole number and the average number who attended school in each summer and winter ; the length of the schools in the several districts ; the wages of the teachers, and also each district's portion of school money.

| No. of District. | No. of Scholars returned. | Whole number in summer. | Average number in summer. | Whole number in winter. | Average number in winter. | Length in summer & autumn, in days. | Length in winter, in days. | Male teacher's wages. | Female teacher's wages. | Money.  |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| No. 1            | 811                       | 327                     | 234                       | 370                     | 294                       | 5 schools each 120                  | 55                         | \$20 00               | \$1 50                  |         |
| " 6              | 54                        | 26                      | 19                        | 34                      | 20                        | 5 schools each 120                  | 66                         | 28 00                 | 1 75                    |         |
| " 7              | 92                        | 46                      | 33                        | 61                      | 51                        | 4 schools each, one 60              | 44                         | 30 00                 | 1 87                    | 1314 31 |
| " 8              | 545                       | 313                     | 193                       | 338                     | 252                       | 3 sch's each 120                    | 360                        | 36 00                 | 3 00                    |         |
| " 9              | 68                        | 40                      | 28                        | 51                      | 40                        | 3 sch's each 120                    | 65                         | 38 00                 |                         |         |
| " 11             | 176                       | 115                     | 75                        | 122                     | 102                       | 3 sch's each 120                    | 74                         | 18 00                 | 1 75                    | 87 51   |
| " 13             | 103                       | 64                      | 44                        | 76                      | 63                        | 3 sch's each 120                    | 72                         | 20 00                 | 1 67                    | 149 10  |
| " 17             | 160                       | 89                      | 73                        | 109                     | 76                        | 2 sch's each 70                     | 140                        | 32 00                 | 2 00                    |         |
| " 19             | 50                        | 54                      | 33                        | 48                      | 32                        | 2 sch's each 70                     | 59                         | 34 00                 | 2 50                    | 883 20  |
| Part of 12 & 16  | 17                        |                         |                           |                         |                           | 2 sch's each 62                     | 54                         | 21 00                 | 1 75                    | 110 20  |
|                  |                           |                         |                           |                         |                           |                                     |                            | 30 00                 | 3 50                    | 285 22  |
|                  |                           |                         |                           |                         |                           |                                     |                            | 24 00                 | 2 00                    | 166 92  |
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|                  |                           |                         |                           |                         |                           |                                     |                            | 19 00                 | 1 50                    | 81 03   |
|                  | 2076                      | 1074                    | 732                       | 1209                    | 930                       | 1502                                | 937                        |                       |                         |         |

The average wages of male teachers, was twenty-six dollars and ninety-three cents per month ; of female teachers, two dollars and thirteen cents per week.

The attendance in most of the districts, is somewhat larger than last year, but when compared with the number of scholars returned, we feel that in every district the number of children who actually attended school, is quite too small.

The average attendance, too, as compared with the aggregate attendance, exhibits a slight advance upon last year, but far less improvement in this respect than we could desire. The returns from some of the districts disclose to what an extent this serious hindrance to the prosperity of the schools prevails, and we would take this occasion to urge upon parents the importance of having their children attend school regularly, if they would have them enjoy in any great measure, the blessings of education. A scholar whose attendance is irregular, seldom profits much from the teaching he receives ; he cannot be classed ; the teacher loses his interest in him ; he acquires no interest in the studies he is nominally attending to, and the result of all is that he becomes an idler and a mischief-maker, a perpetual annoyance to the teacher, and a prolific source of disturbance and insubordination in the school he occasionally honors with his presence.

No very serious disturbances, requiring the interposition of the Committee, have occurred in any of the schools during the year ; on the other hand, with few exceptions, good order seems to have prevailed, with an increased disposition on the part both of parents and scholars to conform to wholesome rules and regulations. The teachers employed, as a class, have, in our judgment, been fully equal to those of any former year, and have generally conducted their schools discreetly and profitably, using the powers entrusted to them without abusing them. In this connection, however, we are sorry to be compelled to record the fact that in a few of the schools, a spirit of disobedience has manifested itself, and, as usual, has been the means of checking their improvement and of rendering the task of the teachers vexatious and disagreeable. The remedy for this evil, lies with the parents. A child well governed at home, and instructed to respect and

obey his teachers, is seldom the disturber of a school ; the trouble comes from children under no parental restraint; from the children of those parents who take fire and threaten prosecutions whenever the teacher, in the discharge of his duties, has occasion to correct one of their scholars. To such parents we would say, in all kindness, one of two things you should make up your minds to do, either allow the teacher to govern your children when in school as their own good and the interests of the school require, or else withdraw them from the schools entirely.

We have no improvement in school-houses to report, except in No. 17. In that district the old brick house has been put in thorough repair, and is now one of the most convenient and pleasant in the City. Most of the school-houses in the City are now in pretty good repair, and many of them are eligibly located, and well adapted to the uses for which they were constructed. The Primary School-house on Summer street, District No. 8, forms an exception. however, in both particulars : it is unsightly and inconvenient, and the location very unfortunate. We hope the people of No. 8, will look to the matter, and before the close of another year, replace it with a house better located and better adapted to the wants of that portion of their district. Improvements in other districts are needed, but none, perhaps, requiring to be particularly urged at this time.

Not much interest has as yet been manifested in any of the districts in procuring apparatus ; all the schools have blackboards, four or five have outline maps, two or three have globes, but beyond this, there is nothing worth enumerating. Such a thing as a District School Library, is unknown in the City.

The books recommended by the Committee, and in most common use in our schools, are as follows :—Fowl's Common School Speller, Worcester's Series of Readers, Weld's Grammar, National Geography and Parley's Primary, Colburn's Mental and Robinson's Arithmetic, Worcester's Comprehensive and Webster's School Dictionary. In a few of the schools, Leavitt's Series of Readers is in use. For the more advanced classes, we have Parker's Philosophy, Johnston's

Chemistry, Smith's Illustrated Astronomy, Sherwin's Algebra, and Shurtliff's Governmental Instructor.

Subjoined, is the report of the standing of, and the progress made in the several schools in the various branches of learning therein taught, and the success which may have attended the mode of instruction and government of their respective teachers.

DISTRICT No. 1.—P. PRATT, *Agent*.

There are three Primary, one Grammar, and one High School in this district. The Infant Primary School was taught by Mrs. Deborah Burns, assisted by her daughter, Miss Louisa L. Burns. The school was very full and the scholars, though young, made commendable improvement. Perhaps they might be carried somewhat farther.

The Neal street Primary School, was taught during the first term by Miss Lucinda P. Hinkley, who fully sustained her former high reputation as a successful teacher. The last two terms, it was taught by Miss Harriet E. Wharff, of Richmond. The changes to which this school is subject, by scholars leaving, or new ones coming in, or irregular attendance, are very great, and materially affect its appearance and render the labors of a teacher very great. The Committee, however, were highly gratified with Miss Wharff's management. The same system and thoroughness which are mentioned in the report of No. 6, were apparent here.

The Dresden street Primary School was taught by Miss Eliza A. Balentine, of Sidney. From the age and peculiar restlessness of the children attending this school, it is a very difficult one to manage. It has, however, greatly improved under Miss B.'s care. The reading was excellent, and, considering the age of the pupils, not surpassed in any of our schools.

The Grammar School, on Lincoln street, was taught during the year by Mr. E. J. Benner, of Pittston, assisted by Miss C. C. Merrill, during the second and third terms. Mr. B. is an industrious and thorough teacher and has given general satisfaction to the district. All the classes which we were able to examine, both those taught by the principal and

by the assistant, exhibited thorough and careful training, and gave us high gratification. Great improvement was made in the department of writing.

The High School was taught the first two terms by Mr. John S. Baker, of Bath ; the last term by Mr. A. P. Oakes, of Sangerville. The school, under Mr. Baker's administration, was quiet and orderly and made commendable progress. During the last term the attendance was larger and more uniform. By an excellent classification, Mr. Oakes was able to manage it without an assistant. We have seldom attended a more spirited examination than at the close. The classes were evidently at home in any part of the studies pursued, and the good order and appearance of the scholars were in the highest degree creditable both to themselves and their teacher. This school has been held in the Congregationalist vestry, a place not equal to the wants of such a school, not being fitted with appropriate benches or desks. We hope that the district may be able to provide some more eligible place for its accommodation.

The close of Mr. Oakes' term, completes the second year of the existence of the High School in this district. It has been divided into three terms, of twelve weeks each. The attendance of the first term, was forty-nine ; of the second, fifty-six ; and of the third, sixty-nine ; averaging quite as much as the attendance of last year, and a much larger proportion of it of scholars belonging in the district. The studies attended to, are such as are usually attended to in Academies and High Schools—any scholar who wishes, may here fit himself for College under experienced and well qualified teachers. Thus, at last, the school system in this district seems to have been brought to a high degree of perfection, and the operation of it for the last year is the best argument that can be urged in favor of a thorough classification and gradation of schools. All the schools have succeeded well and are now in a fine state of improvement, and, as we are informed, the whole expense of the five schools, with their six teachers, through three long terms, of about twelve weeks each, has been paid by the district's share of the annual appropriation of school money.

DISTRICT No. 6.—GEORGE McCURDY, *Agent*.

Number of scholars, fifty-four. Whole attendance winter, thirty-four. Average, twenty. Whole attendance summer, twenty-six. Average, nineteen.

The summer school in this district was kept by Miss Harriet E. Wharff, of Richmond. The attendance was small, but the improvement was highly satisfactory, as was also the demeanor of the scholars. We were particularly pleased with the method of constant reviewing practiced; and also to notice in the spelling classes that when a word was missed, it was spelled in concert by the class, and then by the individual who missed it. This thoroughness marked all the recitations to which we listened.

The winter school was kept by Mr. Joshua Wells, of Mt. Vernon, and in some respects was a striking contrast to the summer school. There was a want of system and decision on the part of the teacher, and consequently a want of proper interest on the part of many of the pupils. The examination was tolerably creditable, yet the school in our estimation, is but little in advance of the summer term. It ought however, in justice to the teacher, to be said that the term was shorter than usual.

DISTRICT No 7.—WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, *Agent*.

The summer school taught by Miss Almatia A. Richardson, of Monmouth, was in the judgment of the Committee highly profitable to the district. Good order and systematic instruction marked it. There was, however, some want of interest on the part of the pupils. The class in Geography, and one of the reading classes, did not do credit to themselves at the examination.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Cyrus Sawtelle, of Sidney. This was Mr. Sawtelle's second school, and undoubtedly he will improve with more experience. The Committee were abundantly satisfied as to his faithfulness and thoroughness in teaching. Many of the classes had gone over more ground than they could cultivate advantageously. The examination, however, was on the whole satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 8.—JOSHUA GRAY, *Agent*.

There are three schools in this district, two Primary and a Grammar and High School.

The Spring street Primary was taught by Miss Lydia P. Mills, of Belgrade, who has given perfect satisfaction, both to the district and to the Committee. We could hardly recognize the school as the same we visited when Miss Mills first took it in charge. The order of a military company was observed in taking places at recitation, and in returning to the seats. The improvement in the course of the year was very decided.

The Summer street Primary was taught by Miss F. M. Mills, sister of the teacher already mentioned. No one of our Primary Schools has been better conducted than this; an excellent spirit seemed to prevail amongst the scholars, and a most commendable improvement was noticed in all the classes examined at the close of the last term. The Grammar and High School on High street, was taught by Mr. Truman A. Merrill, of Industry, as principal, and Miss Catharine Rogers, of Pittston, as assistant.

This school has risen in the estimation of your Committee, during the past year. The average attendance has been much larger; the general interest in the school greater; there have been none of those unpleasant disturbances calling for the intervention of the Committee, which so pained us the last year. On the contrary, the school has gone forward in a steady course of improvement under the direction of Mr. Merrill. At the last examination, the Committee were particularly pleased with the performances of the first class in Arithmetic; the writing books looked unusually well; and quite a number of exercises in original composition were exhibited, some of which evinced much thought and care, and were highly creditable to the writers. Mr. Merrill has labored very hard in this school, and richly deserves the thanks of the district. We earnestly hope his services may be secured for the coming year. We would not overlook the quiet and modest assistant, who has won for herself the esteem of her pupils and the reputation of being a successful teacher, by her assiduous efforts to improve the classes, intrusted to her charge.



The labor of governing this school during the last term, and perhaps during the whole year, was considerably enhanced by an interference of parents, which the Committee believe to have been unnecessary, and therefore injurious. The order of a school like this, and the safety of such a company of boys from moral ruin, cannot be maintained without energy in the teacher. We can appreciate the feelings of parents under some exaggerated report of pain inflicted on their children. But we would entreat them, for the sake of their children and of the common good, not to interpose, except under the strongest necessity, and should that at any time exist, they will find every assistance, we are sure, from any Committee, in preventing gross and brutal severity.

DISTRICT No. 9,—SEWALL LIBBY, *Agent*.

Miss Maria J. Spear, of this City, taught this school during the summer, and gave entire satisfaction to your Committee. The whole appearance of the school was unexceptionable. We were particularly pleased with the manner in which she taught Colburn's Arithmetic, requiring the pupil to state accurately every step in the process.

Mr. George Bullen, of New Sharon, a member of Waterville College, taught during the winter; the attendance was good, the scholars interested in their studies, and the examination highly creditable. The reading classes pleased us, by reading as though they were not afraid of the sound of their own voice; the classes in Arithmetic and Grammar, appeared admirably, answering questions with great promptness and showing a commendable degree of advancement. This has, for a long time, been a very interesting school, and still continues to increase in interest.

DISTRICT No. 11,—H. FOYE, *Agent*.

Miss C. C. Merrill, of Industry, the teacher of last year, taught during the summer term. Miss Merrill fully sustained the reputation previously acquired, and the school appeared admirably at the examination. Much of the good progress made in this school, is owing to the unfrequent change of teachers. Having secured excellent teachers, they have succeeded in keeping them through successive terms.

Of course such teachers are better acquainted with the wants of the school than new ones could be, and it would be well if all our districts would make an effort to retain good teachers, as long as possible.

The winter term was taught by Mr. A. B. Clark, of New Sharon, a member of Waterville College, who, though a new teacher in this school, has nevertheless had much experience and is a very skillful and successful instructor. Your Committee were highly gratified at each visit, with the order and decorum pervading the school,—notwithstanding the number of very small scholars crowded into it—and with the evident school spirit and the good progress made by the various classes as evinced at the closing examination. We would recommend to this district to make some other provision for the small scholars, by furnishing a room separate from the Grammar School. Very much to their credit, this district has furnished their school room with a very handsome set of Pelton's Outline Maps.

DISTRICT No. 13,—H. N. TEDFORD, *Agent*.

Miss Lydia Stevens, of this city, taught the summer school. The various classes appeared well at the examination. Good order seemed to have been maintained during the term, and the degree of progress was commendable.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Wm. O. Barker, of Chelsea. Mr. Barker is a very energetic teacher; has uncommon tact in management, and power of awakening enthusiasm in scholars. The reading at the examination, was remarkably good; that of the first class, equal to that in any of our schools. The average attendance was much larger than last year, and the degree of interest in the school manifested by all the scholars, large and small, and their quiet, orderly deportment, contrasted very favorably with the examination the winter before. Much improvement in many of the classes was apparent, and we regard the school upon the whole, as one of the most successful of the winter schools in the city.

DISTRICT No. 17,—GEO. W. SNOW, *Agent*.

Two schools have been supported in this district, a Primary

and Grammar School. The Primary School has been under the care of Miss Jane Pierce of this City, whose teaching and management have been highly satisfactory.

The summer term of the Grammar School was taught by Miss Mary S. Marshall, of Hallowell. Miss Marshall has more than common energy; her management of the recitations, was spirited. The school was very much better classified than ever before in summer, in consequence of the withdrawal of so many of the younger portion of the scholars to the Primary School. The result of the school was highly gratifying. The classes had made good improvement and appeared unusually quiet and orderly. Some very fine specimens of map drawing, were shown the Committee, at the closing visit. The winter term was taught by Mr. Geo. W. McLellan, of Bowdoin College. Mr. McLellan is a good scholar, and had evidently taken pains with his pupils. The examination, however, disclosed a want of interest on the part of many scholars, which prevented the school from reaping that benefit we had hoped. We were much pleased to witness the attendance, and notice the good behavior of a number of young men of the district, whose presence gave a high degree of character to the school.

DISTRICT No. 19,—JORDAN LIBBY, *Agent*.

Whole number of scholars, fifty. Whole attendance in winter, forty-eight. Average thirty-two. Whole attendance in summer fifty-four. Average thirty-three.

Miss Eleanor La Plain, of this City, taught the summer school. The attendance was very good; the teacher labored hard, and the examination at the close of the school was highly creditable, to both teacher and pupils. This was the first school Miss La Plain has taught, and with a more strict system in her instruction, which experience will confer upon her, she will make an admirable teacher.

The winter term was taught by Rev. E. Dibell, of this City. The school was short, and of course there was not so great a degree of advancement as in some others, yet the Committee were pleased with the good deportment exhibited on the part of the scholars, and the faithfulness with which

they were instructed. The promptness and interest manifested in answering questions proposed by the Committee was especially pleasing to them.

It may be proper to state that the attendance in this district is considerably increased by the admission into the school of a number of scholars from the adjoining town of Richmond. The return of the summer school makes the whole number from Richmond seventeen, the number in the winter term is not given in the return.

In conclusion, we would state by way of encouragement, that, from such opportunities as are afforded us for judging, we believe the schools in our City, at this time, will compare favorably with those of our neighbors; that in fact, we have just occasion for gratification in view of the advanced state of improvement in which we leave them at the close of the present year; but we would not forget that only by united and persevering effort, continued through many years, have they been brought to their present degree of excellence, neither would we lose sight of the fact, however, advanced they may now be, that there is still left abundant room for improvement, and that they must be anxiously cared for and watched over and nurtured and provided for, if we would keep alive and cherish the spirit of progress which now animates them. We trust, whatever else may be neglected, our public schools will ever be regarded with especial interest and favor by the government of our City, and in the fullness of our confidence we commend them to its kindly consideration.

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| NOAH WOODS,   | } <i>Superintending<br/>School Committee.<br/>of Gardiner.</i> |
| WM. L. HYDE,  |                                                                |
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GARDINER, March 17, 1851.